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# GRAUSTARK

#244

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31 July 1971

1970BB

"Fall 1908"

ENGLAND BETRAYED AS  
FRENCH FLEET BOMBARDS LONDON

Following "Spring 1908" moves,  
Germany retreated A Mun-Tyr, A Ber-  
Sil, A War-Liv.

ENGLAND (Lasky): F North Sea S RUS-  
SIAN F Den-Ska; F Norwegian Sea-  
North Atlantic.

FRANCE (Mischel): F Por-Spa(s.c.);  
F Mid & F Mar S F Por-Spa(s.c.);  
F Eng-Lon; A Ruh S A Mun; A Mun S  
GERMAN A Ber; F Ska holds.

ITALY (Comber): F Spa(s.c.)-Mar; A  
Pie S F Spa(s.c.)-Mar; F Tyr-Lyo;  
F Wes S F Tyr-Lyo.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Nierenborg): F  
Ion-Tun; F Adr-Ion; F Con-Ank; A  
Bul-Con; A Rum-Ukr; A Gal S A  
Rum-Ukr; A Bud-Rum; A Sil-Mun;  
A Boh & A Tyr S A Sil-Mun; A Liv-  
Mos.

RUSSIA (R. Miller, vico Shuldiner):  
F Bal-Liv; A War S F Bal-Liv; A  
Fin-St.P; F Norway S A Fin-St.P;  
F Den-Ska; A Pru-Sil; A Ukr-Gal;  
A Sev-Mos.

Underlined moves are not possible.  
The French F Ska is dislodged and  
refuses to retreat; it is according-  
ly annihilated. The French F Mar,  
Austro-Hungarian A Liv, and the  
Russia A Ukr are annihilated. The  
High Comba-tant Powers now control  
the following supply centers:  
ENGLAND: Edi. (1)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Liv, Lon, Mun,  
Par, Por, Spa. (8)

GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie. (3)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul,  
Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri,  
Tun, Vic. (11)

RUSSIA: Don, Mos, Nor, St.P, Sov,  
Swe, War. (7)

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1970BQ

"Spring 1905"

MARSEILLES FALLS TO  
ANGLO-FRENCH ALLIANCE

ENGLAND (Beshara): A Edi-Hol; F  
North Sea C A Edi-Hol; A Lon-Bre;  
F Eng C A Lon-Bre; A St.P-Liv; A  
Mos S A St.P-Liv; F Mid S A Lon-  
Bre; F Liv-North Atlantic; F Tun-  
Ion; F Kie-Ber; F Spa(s.c.) S  
FRENCH A Gas-Mar.

FRANCE (Tretick): A Bur-Bel; A Gas-  
Mar.

GERMANY (G. Jones): A Mun-Bur; A Pic  
S A Mun-Bur; A Tyr-Pie; A Mar S A  
Tyr-Pie; A Ber-Mun; F Pru-Ber; A  
Ukr S ENGLISH A Mos-Sev.

ITALY (Getty): F Ion-Tyr; A Pic S  
FRENCH A Gas-Mar; A Ven S A Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Mischel): F Tri-Alb;  
A Vie-Tyr; A Sev holds; A Rum S A  
Sev; A Bud-Tri; A Bul-Ser.

TURKEY (Vest): A Arm-Sev; F Con-Bul  
(e.c.); F Aeg & A Gre S F Con-Bul  
(e.c.).

Underlined moves are not pos-  
sible. The German A Mar is dislodged  
and annihilated. The deadline for  
"Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY  
14 AUGUST 1971.

Blaine Mischel writes that as of 9  
August he will be at a new address:  
270 Greenhaven Terrace, Tonawanda,  
N. Y. 14150.

ANKARA (Apr. 1905): Refugee con-  
ters can no longer hold the hoardes  
fleeing the rape being perpetrated  
by the English and Austrian barbar-  
ians. The noble Germans and Turks  
must act to preserve what few maidens  
remain.

Gary Jones writes that subscriptions  
to Diplomacy (see #243, p. 10) are  
8 issues for \$1.25. He also disag-  
rees with Walker's comments on John  
Beshara and the "grudge match".

1970BN

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"Fall 1905"

GERMANY OVERRUN

ENGLAND (Aita): A Kie S RUSSIAN A Sil-Mun; F Norway & F Bel hold; F North Sea S F Norway; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Mar S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Hol S A Kie; F Eng S F Bel.

FRANCE (Nierenberg): A Bur S F Spa(s.c.)-Mar; F Spa(s.c.)-Mar; F Por-Mid; A Bre holds; A Gas S A Bre.

GERMANY (Mischel): A Ruh S A Mun; A Mun S ITALIAN A Pie-Tyr.

ITALY (Model): F Adr-Apu; F Nap S F Adr-Apu; F Tun-Ion; A Ven S GERMAN A Mun-Tyr; A Pie S A Ven.

RUSSIA (Buchanan): F St.P(n.c.)-Norway; F Swe & A Bud hold; F Ber S ENGLISH A Kie; A Sil-Mun; A Boh & A Tyr S A Sil-Mun; F Aeg S TURKISH F Eas-Ion.

TURKEY (Barents): A Tri-Ven; F Apu S A Tri-Ven; A Ser-Tri; A Alb S A Ser-Tri; F Eas-Ion; F Con-Bul(s.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. England retreats F Mar-Lyo. The German A Mun and the Turkish F Apu are annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Con, Mos, Mun, Rum, Liv, Lon, Nor, Spa. (9) St.P, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (11)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por. (4)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Gre, Ser, Smy,

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

Tri. (6)

Russia may build 3 new units, and England and Turkey may each build one. France and Italy must each remove 1 unit. The last German unit is removed for lack of supply centers. The deadline for "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 AUGUST 1971. Press releases appear on p. 3.

1970J "WIDER STILL AND WIDER, SHALL THY BOUNDS BE SET.." "Spring 1914"

Following "Fall 1913" moves, England built A Lon & A Edi, while Italy built A Ven.

ENGLAND (Richard Miller): A Bre-Gas; A Par S A Bre-Gas; A Bel-Bur, A Ruh S A Bel-Bur; A Pru-War; A Liv & A Sil S A Pru-War; A Ber-Mun; A Edi-Norway; F North Sea C A Edi-Norway; A Lon holds; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Por S F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Eng-Mid; F St.P(s.c.)-Bot.

GERMANY (Burley): A Mos S A Sev; A Sov S ITALIAN A Gal-Rum.

ITALY (Comber): A Bur holds; A Tyr-Tri [sic; no such unit exists]; F Ion-Aeg; F Adr-Ion; F Gre-Bul(s.c.); A Tri-Bud; A Bud-Rum; A Ser & A Gal S A Bud-Rum; A Alb S A Ser; A Ven-Tyr; F Tyr not ordered, holds.

TURKEY (Aita): A Rum-Sev; F Bla & A Arm S A Rum-Sev; F Bul(s.c.) holds; F Con S F Bul(s.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Sev-Ukr, and Italy retreats either A Bur-Pic or A Bur-Mar; the direction of this Italian retreat should be phoned into the Gamesmaster IMMEDIATELY. The other players will be informed of its direction. The deadline for "Fall 1914" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 14 AUGUST 1971. Press releases appear on p. 9.

1970BQ - LATE PRESS RELEASES

PARIS: Regretably, the French have been pressured into becoming puppets for her keeper. We move onward to Constantinople.

BROOKLYN (URRP): The latest French press release was received here with unusual equanimity. "Just as long as they don't start issuing press releases from Boro-A-Boro-A," an Informed Source remarked.

## 1970BN - PRESS RELEASES

ROME (7 Oct. 1905, KP): The Monarchical Government of King Ninni was overthrown last night in a bloodless palace coup led by General S. Quasi Tutti, also known by his troops as 'El Seymour', and other disgruntled army officers. It is reported that they were aided by the depraved Prince Lobotomi. The king, fleeing from the back of the palace in a tank truck filled with gamy tomato paste, has gone into hiding somewhere outside of Rome, where he is expected to try to rally loyalists around him.

El Seymour has decided to retain the services of Minister Model, who visited the new ruler within hours after the coup to pledge his loyalty.

El Seymour, a neo-socialistic fascist at heart, has announced al-

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"The political and economic system of each unit was a sort of fascistic socialism..." - H. P. Lovecraft, "The Shadow out of Time"

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ready that he is going to establish a "Bi-Polar Welfare Socialism", in which he intends to tax the middle class to death and give it all to the poor and the fabulously wealthy. In this way he hopes to insure the loyalty of both classes; the latter because it has money and the former because it joins the army.

ROME (9 Oct. 1905, KP): El Seymour leaked out a secret plan today which is designed to destroy the moral fibre and morale of the Turks. Secret agents, infiltrating Turkey, are already seeding its fields with a plant which is a strange hybrid of Cannabis, Rutabaga, and Ragweed. Tons of seeds have already been scattered. The plant, when smoked, is known to cause cancer of the ear lobe, as well as cirrhosis of the pancreas.

MUNICH: GOODBYE (?) God help Western Civilization for there is nothing left to stop the Asiatic hordes!

ISSMEAL-GAkA: MJIX today arrived here. As he enter Hasha's summer palace he said this to the crowd of Turks.

"Our nation once was defiled corrupt and sinful, Hasha ruled the Land. Al-KAPPT took it into his hands and kill off all the evil. I make my trip here to purify, rectify, and cleanse the people of ISSMEAL-GAkA"

At which point the crowd gave him Aloud standing "gobble, gobble gobble" which shawed the approval.

ISSMEAL-GAkA: Once again we are deep inside the palace among the hidden passages of "SIN HOUSE TURKEY". we join our hero's, Layla, the high Priestess, P. C. 3, The Reporter from the Los Land of America, and Aqqalung, the Spy of whom?

"It is a long path we have to follow" said P. C.

"It is a Long Winding Road that LEADS to your home" Layla responded. Out of Nowhere two crimson eyes approach

"The king of all wants to see you"

"What is that" Layla Asks

P. C. #3 says "It could only be aquaLung As the smell is..."

"I won't take personal insults" responded Hasha. "I'm not that poor dead Aqua Lung, but the great, or Low Hasha Leader of..."

Cut off at mid word by A scream that hororifies All

"YOU CANNOT petition the Lord with Prayer!"

The Silence of wonderment fills the tunnels. From their back the noise is heard

"The king will see you now"

what king? where are they where does MJIX fit into this? "Read"? it All Next week in true confessions by MJIX, Edited by Bangs L. Tapscott in 5 vols to be released shortly.

ISSHEMEAL-KEP: HAREM GIRLS TAKE CITY BY THE HORNS.

Today the palace gawrd went down to the harem girls.

"F couldn't stand it Any Longer I had to do it!" said one soldier  
The whole city is horny today.

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England must remove one unit. France is entitled to 3 new units, but with only 2 home supply centers vacant, may build only 2 new units. Germany is entitled to 2 new units, but with only 1 home supply center vacant, may build 1 new unit. Austria-Hungary may build 1 new unit. These "Winter '908" adjustments must be phoned to Gamesmaster Beshara immediately. Deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 9 AUGUST 1971. For Blaine Mischel's new address see 1970BQ.

BORE-A-BORE-A: Herr Doctor Wolfgang Jungfreudadler, the country's leading psychiatrist, explained the strange appearance of a second Rodney the Squawker in the last GRAUSTARK.

Who is the real Rodney the Squawker? The interloper of GRAUSTARK #243 or the prior author? The answer is both! As Rodney's analyst (Can anyone doubt he needs one?), Dr. Jungfreudadler is treating Rodney for acute schizophrenia. The eminent doctor attests there are two Rodneys: Rodney the Vicious and Rodney the Truthful.

The dominant side of the split-personality is Rodney the Vicious. He is the interloper of GRAUSTARK #243 and the author of paranoid writings which amuse the Arabs and their supporters. It is this sick, envious Rodney the Vicious with his persecution complex who decries, "They're all plotting against me." It is this same devious evil one who unilaterally flays at the Arabs. Dr. Jungfreudadler tells us Rodney the Vicious resents the potent sexual powers of the Arabs. Because of an accident at circumcision, Rodney's cravings are unquenchable and he consoles himself by beating away at his typewriter.

Then there is the subjective, inner Rodney the Truthful, who is repelled and stricken with guilt by the irresponsible acts of his alter ego. Rodney the Truthful speaks in GRAUSTARK through Bore-A-Bore-A to tone for his evil counterpart.

Rodney the Vicious is unaware of the existence of Rodney the Truthful. He deludes himself into believing someone he calls Dickmiller is impersonating him. But who would want to impersonate a nut like Rodney the Squawker?

In treating Rodney, Dr. Jungfreudadler performed brain and penis surgery without success. There was too minuscule a brain to work with and the deformed limb was beyond correction. He fears there is little hope in curing Rodney the Squawker. His efforts now are centered in analysis and electro-therapy by encouraging Rodney the Truthful to continue exposing Rodney the Vicious, who must learn to cope with his inadequacies. Since Rodney the Squawker is a pauper and the Arabs believe in helping the senile and infirm, the Arabs are paying for the treatment being given Rodney, as a gesture to the diplomatic world. When Dr. Jungfreudadler thanked the Arabs for their generosity, the Arab leader answered in the words of their beloved Kahlil Gibran:

"There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward.

"And there are those who give with pain, and that pain is their baptism.

"And there are those who give and know not pain in giving, nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue:

"They give as in yonder valley the myrtle breathes its fragrance into space.

"Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth."

BROOKLYN (URRP): Eric Fako, teletype operator of the United Rabble Rousing Press, was taken away in a state of extreme bewilderment today. "Bore-A-Bore-A comin' in from all over," he muttered. "From Sandy Ego. From Manhattan. From Soggy Arabia with some guy named Kahlil Ghibrish - that's the worst! And the language!" Fako trailed off into babbling, but began to scream when informed that Dr. Jungfreudadler would treat him.

## DO AND DIE FOR BANG-BANG DISH

It now seems that the American invasion of Vietnam can no longer be sold to the American people. Four successive Presidents, otherwise men of vastly differing personalities, characters, and political views, have promoted this war to the infinite benefit of various corporations who profit, or hope to profit, from the raw materials of the Indo-Chinese peninsula. (Shortly before the end of his term, President Eisenhower was considerate enough to list for our benefit the resources which our Asian policy was expected to safe-guard. Democratic Presidents, after their kind, have disguised these motives with high talk about "safeguarding freedom", but if you want the economic facts of life in undisguised form, go to a Republican.)

However, not everyone even at the millionaire level is doing well of Vietnam; odd as it may seem, there are still some American corporations not coining money off this war. This is why the turmoil about the Pentagon Papers has suddenly reached doekabel proportions. The Left was publishing the same information over five years ago, but then no one had an economic interest in diverting war spending, so these warnings went unconsidered.

Our masters have drawn the only conclusion conformable to their beliefs: that the invasion of Vietnam was a tactical error, but that policies such as led to Vietnam may still be promoted elsewhere in the world. Translated into practical terms, this means that after Nixon or the look-alike Democrat who succeeds him in 1973 has hauled ass out of Vietnam, where will the next such war be?

The fiasco of Vietnam moans that our masters in Washington will have to choose the next such brush-fire war closely. From their point of view, it is a pity that the attempted secession of Biafra from Nigeria is over. Intervention there would have been ideal from their point of view. Half of America would have applauded them for saving blacks, and the other half would have applauded them for killing blacks.

Also, the intervention must be on the weaker side, as it was in Vietnam. If the United States government intervenes on the stronger side, the war might be over too soon, without the long-term economic hype that a war provides.

This factor makes an intervention in the Middle East unlikely. There, the Arabs are the weaker side, and intervention on their behalf would put over five million American Jews firmly against the government. American intervention on behalf of the Arabs is thus ruled out, unless our masters are prepared to follow an anti-Jewish policy at home as well. If President Nixon fires Henry Kissinger and observes that the Pentagon Papers were leaked by a Jew to a newspaper owned and edited by Jews, watch out for an Arab-American alliance. But otherwise, a Middle Eastern intervention is out.

(Even if, at some future time, Israel should become weaker than the Arabs, a pro-Israel intervention is unlikely. There are at least as many anti-Semites as there are Jews in America, and while they will grudgingly settle for neutrality, they will fiercely oppose American intervention on Israel's side. And they are the heart and core of the Hawk position. As far back as 1965, the conservative quarterly New Patriot (Vol. 7, #1) pointed out that most of the leadership of the anti-war movement in America is Jewish.)

A far more likely site for the next American attempt to prop up the economy with a war may be discovered in the campaign speeches of Democratic presidential aspirants. These men -- every last one of whom voted for the Vietnam war -- feel that they have discovered in popular discontent with the Vietnam war a ticket to the White House. But, since they are incapable of imaging an America at peace, they are already getting under way their own version of "perpetual war for perpetual peace".

If you read the speeches of the various Democratic aspirants, you will find one common denominator in a mythology which they are busily creating. This mythology is one of Bad Pakistan against Good India. If you believe this line, Bad Pakistan is about to jump on Good India and do all kinds of horrible things to the Good Indians. The first signs of the campaign of public relations that we got for Vietnam are now beginning to appear for Good India. Full-page ads appear, with impressive lists of sponsors, in the New York Times. George Harrison announces a benefit concert. Loans are sought in Congress. Bad Pakistan is scolded by a Kennedy on the floor of the Senate.

The center of all this ballyhoo is something called, as nearly as I can make out,

"Bang-Bang Dish". I cannot find it on any map of Asia but, never mind, who know where Vietnam was 15 years ago? It may not even exist, since the people who wrote the Pentagon Papers are fully capable of inventing an imaginary country on which to spend money. But funds are being collected, walls are being plastered with posters urging help for dear old Bang-Bang Dish, and we can confidently expect that within a year this explosion in a crockery factory will become as well known to us as Vietnam. I expect any day the call for "military advisors", followed by the 25,000 troops that will be necessary to keep the situation from deteriorating further, et cetera, et cetera.

This will be the war to suit the taste of our masters in Washington. Although Bang-Bang Dish remains a mystery, most Americans can at least point out India on a map. India and Pakistan are much larger countries than North and South Vietnam, and a war between them will mean many more tanks, planes, guns, grenades, and maybe even nuclear weapons, to be made at terrific profits. Furthermore, the American liberal faction which now seems to be wavering on Vietnam has a great emotional investment in India. When President Kennedy (whose reputation may not survive the publication of the Pentagon Papers) asked John Kenneth Galbraith what position in government he wanted, Galbraith passed up a number of plums to take the Ambassadorship to Good India.

Despite its larger size, India is the weaker country too. Hindus have been clobbered by Moslems so often that by now India regards Pakistan the way Poland regards Russia, MacDonalds regard Campbells, or the White Sox regard the Yankees. And American policy with regard to Greece shows that our masters in Washington greatly prefer military dictatorships to bickering democracies. They will therefore regard Pakistan as the stronger country, and thus conclude that the war can be strung out to greater and more profitable length if we jump in on the side of Good India.

You saw it here first. Remember that when you next receive a fund appeal for Bang-Bang Dish, or hear Edmund Muskie scold Bad Pakistan, or hear the reigning Kennedy urge a "police team" for Pakistan. (New York Times, 23 July 1971)

#### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Who, in 1951, said "American imperialism has moved from the stage of war preparations and war talk...to intervention against the peoples of Vietnam."? (GRAUSTARK #243, p. 4.) Gus Hall, of the Communist Party, that's who. (New York Daily World, 6 July 1971) Don't say you weren't warned.

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Some Americans are half-hearted in their opposition to Russia, but not a few Californians. Arsonists caused considerable destruction to an old Russian fort in that state, destroying the roof of the fort museum and setting fire to the stockade. (New York Times, 12 July 1971).

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"John Kenneth Galbraith...suggests quoting Churchill when cornered, since Churchill has at one time or another advocated every possible point of view." - Prof. W. R. Spilchers, letter, New York Times, 17 July 1971

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The town council announced that it would convert a park into an open-air parking lot. However, local residents complained that this would mar the beauty of the neighborhood, and cause air and noise pollution. When earthmoving equipment arrived, they staged a demonstration and blocked the construction.

Where did this happen? Berkely? New York City? Some hippie district in Chicago or Atlanta or Boston?

No - it was in the Warsaw district of Zoliborz ("something like the Bronx in New York City"). Furthermore, those demonstrators made their point, got the backing of a big local daily paper, and caused the project to be abandoned. So much for the mythology about soulless Communist dictatorships in which no man dares protest the decisions of the government. (New York Daily World, 15 July 1971)

But - were you in Washington on May Day?

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"My name is Daniel Ellsberg and I've got a secret!"

## THE STEADFAST TIN SOLDIER

by Kurt Tucholsky

The Steadfast Tin Soldier - what is it? "Tin figures are the most outstanding instructional aids and pieces of realia." So some German association has got its fingers on the tin soldier. And there he lies.

"The Steadfast Tin Soldier, News of Interest to Tin-Figure Fanciers. An Illustrated Monthly for Collectors of Tin Figures." What will they think of next! I take a periodical for gravediggers, but one devoted to tin soldiers...!

The thing starts with a "German Greed" by General Clausewitz, and I suppose now we needn't read any further. This tin soldier isn't of tin at all; it is made of the same lead of which bullets are cast. There is a real "war game" in the magazine, too: The French are before Greifswald, the Second Riflemen's Division is being transported out of Wittstock at twelve o'clock - I would have suggested Timbuktu - in short, there rages on a small scale that spirit of "military valiance" which, on a large scale, would have the world believe it is only the evil enemies of Germany that produced such turmoil in the land.

And the things that are offered for sale here - "Terrain accessories: draw-well, haystack, ditches, fences" - they've got everything. "Available soon: one Prussian captain on horseback; one French captain on horseback." Gentlemen, there's something missing; you don't have everything. Here's what's missing: one half-decayed corpse; same, without head; two French wounded, with intestines hanging out; one Prussian captain with raised pistol; four Prussian workers, two of them lying on the ground. Terrain accessories: one wall, against it six Prussian proletarians, blindfolded; one pile of corpses. Also, the prize of any collection: one officers' casino during the "great time"; same, with officers under the tables.

Andersen: "And then the little boy took up the tin soldier and threw him into the stove. He did it without giving any particular reason. No doubt the little goblin in the snuffbox was to blame for it."

Be this the will of God!

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"Five generations have passed away; and still the wall of Londonderry is to the Protestants of Ulster what the trophy of Marathon was to the Athenians... The wall is carefully preserved; nor would any plea of health or convenience be held by the inhabitants sufficient to justify the demolition of that sacred enclosure which, in the evil time, gave shelter to their race and their religion... The anniversary of the day on which the gates were closed, and the anniversary of the day on which the siege was raised, have been down to our own time celebrated by salutes, processions, banquets, and sermons... It is impossible not to respect the sentiment which indicates itself by those tokens. It is a sentiment which belongs to the higher and purer part of human nature, and which adds not a little to the strength of states. A people which takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve any thing worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants. Yet it is impossible for the moralist or the statesman to look with unmixed complacency on the solemnities with which Londonderry commemorates her deliverance, and on the honours which she pays to those who saved her. Unhappily the animosities of her brave champions have descended with their glory. The faults which are ordinarily found in dominant castes and dominant sects have not seldom shown themselves without disguise at her festivities; and even with the expressions of pious gratitude which have resounded from her pulpits have too often been mingled words of wrath and defiance." - Thomas B. Macaulay, History of England (1848)

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## THE AMERICAN EMPIRE OF ASIA

The following article is abridged from a review of History of Asia, Vol. VII, by Prakash Surya and Wataru Watanabe (Canton University Press, 2089). The review, by Sir Babington Trevelyan, Bt., O. M., appeared in the July 2089 issue of Republic Review, Edinburgh.

Like the historical developments which it relates with such thoroughness, this great work continues to come out slowly but surely. After fourteen years of effort, the collaborators have at last reached the climax and end of the Imperial Age. Although accuracy is not slighted, the History of Asia is not so much a list of rulers and battles as it is a development of the inexorable historical trends which have succeeded one another in Asia and the world.

...The production of similar results by similar causes is seldom illustrated better in history than by the parallels between the British Empire of India and the American Empire of Asia. In both cases the industrial power moved into an Asian region with far inferior numbers but far superior military strength. The Asian regions directly conquered and annexed by the imperial power were smaller in area and population than were the regions ruled by native satraps under imperial control. The Gaekwar of Baroda or the President of the Republic of Korea might nominally be a Chief of State, entitled to full procedural equality with the British King or the American President. But in practice he obeyed the orders of the imperial power as they were transmitted to him through an "Advisor" or "Ambassador" of the dominant nation. Officers of the imperial power commanded or "advised" troops recruited in the colony, which were used to keep out other imperial powers or to suppress native independence movements.

The authors digress most gratifyingly from previous scholars by studying not the formal organization of these empires, but their actual structure. This is certainly the most sensible approach; the British formally organized India into an Empire only during the last 90 years of their occupation, and America never did establish such a formal consolidation of her Asian possessions. A typical chain of command would run from the President of the United States of America, through the Secretary of State and the Ambassador, and to the man who was titular chief of state of the subject "nation". Sometimes even this titular chief of state would be bypassed, and American orders would be transmitted through a man nominally beneath him in the chain of command, usually an army commander.

Profs. Surya and Watanabe are indebted here to Ver Ploeg's incisive little study How to Create Belief (Ullstein, 2002). This almost forgotten book distills into less than 200 pages the common experience of how a social system inevitably begots philosophers who create justifications for it. With Ver Ploeg, they see the works of R. Clifford Walker ("the American Trotsky") as buttressing ideologically the lust for raw materials and markets that created these empires. Incidentally, they also demolish Boardman's thesis that Walker was really an opponent of imperialism, and this his theories were a bitterly satirical attack on America's 20th-century Asia policy.

The American Empire of Asia was established in 1898, when at the conclusion of a brief war with Spain (then under the Godoy Dynasty (1875-1931 and 1973-1975)) America and Germany partitioned the remnants of the Spanish colonial empire. (The authors relegate to a footnote the well-known controversy between themselves as to whether Germany (the Second Reich) was a belligerent in that war.) The Philippine Islands fell to America's share; after direct rule (1898-1941 and 1944-1946) they were put in a nominally independent status that had the effect of enriching America's reputation as a protector of the "free" peoples of Asia without disturbing her economic control of those islands.

This was the origin and prototype of that empire, which at its height in 1968 covered about 7 million square kilometers with a population of 500 million - thus exceeding in size the Empire of India. This empire gradually fell into American hands, as India had to the British, by military conquest, economic penetration, or protectorates sought by native rulers wishing security against overthrow. Japan, whose "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere" was a feeble anticipation of the American Empire of Asia, fell in 1945. Other segments of the empire, including Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, and Thailand, became formally attached through a device called a "treaty of alliance", devised by the

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American Secretary of State John Foster Achoson (served 1949-1959). For example, in 1967 the native government of Indonesia was overthrown by a military clique which sought the empire's protection in order to ... itself from a counter-coup. This protection was granted after the Americans' local governors proved their devotion to the empire's principles by slaughtering several hundred thousand alleged Communists including large numbers of Chinese. Four years later Pakistan gave reassurances of its loyalty to the empire by similar measures in Bengal. The parallels with earlier British experience in India are skillfully drawn: William Galley at Mylai might be a reincarnation of Warren Hastings at Rohilkand...

#### 1970W - PRESS RELEASES

ROME (3 Mar. 1911): The Italian government strongly protests the Russian attack on the Italian protectorate of Munich. We can only conclude that the usurpation of Tsar Charles was at the behest of enemies of the Italian state. Our lasting friendship for the Russian people has limited our response to reestablishment of the Italian protectorate over Rumania. Any further provocation will result in the complete seizure of Southern Russia. We anticipate the complete collapse of France in our spring offensive, and vow that any Russian hostility will result in their removal from the ranks of nations. P. S. While you are at it, give Berlin back to Germany.

LONDON (1 Apr. 1911): Her Holiness Pope Joan II today declared the First of April as All Saints' Day. Said the Pope, "This date is far more suitable, because of its more usual connotations, for saints than the old date, 1 November."

LONDON (2 Apr. 1911): Pope Joan II, on behalf of the Board of Cardinals, announced the first semi-annual dividends from the new corporate church, God, Ltd. Her Holiness noted that profits were higher than ever; "especially (cackle) that God, Ltd., cannot be taxed." The most significant portion of the budget was felt to be the expenditure for church-supported homes for widows and orphans. The outlay was reduced by 95%, most of the remainder representing closing costs for the facilities involved. Asked what had happened to the widows and orphans formerly living in the various homes, Her Holiness replied, "Well, we found nice foster homes for them - mostly in (giggle) Arabia."

TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA (5 Apr. 1911): The National Convention of the American Southern Purcheart Lilywhite Baptist Church today condemned the use of the name "God, Ltd." by Pope Joan's new corporation. Said the manifesto, in part, "In order to meet the most stringent requirements of Holy Writ, the group should be called, 'God, Unltd.'"

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BROOKLYN (URRP): Subscribers to the services of the United Rabble Rousing Press are informed that the despatch datelined Bore-a-Bore-a, appearing in GRAUSTARK #243, was received via Sandy Ego.

BORE-A-BORE-A: Rodney the Squawker, Vassal of Vanity, Lord of Lying, and Seigneur of Spite, unveiled his secret weapon in his warvon the Arabs: "The new weapon is called Rodney's Super Stink. It's a seemingly-innocuous form of Jealous Green Ink, concocted by Gee-Blankety-Dee-Dee. Impregnated letters and pamphlets emit a foul stench, causing nausea. Arab supporters are barraged by the noxious emissions of Pandemonium Publications in the futile dream the infectious nausea will drive them out of the Diplomatic world. But," cried the fatigued Rodney, "there are too many, there are too many, there are too many! The infectious Jealous Green Ink is eating away my fingers."

When asked if his kind of invective is good for Diplomacy, Rodney bristled and hissed, "Yess! Yess indeed! It iss, it iss, it iss! You must kneel before me and swear obedience to my will or be driven out of Diplomacy..." He continued on this theme, a la Andy Warhol, for five hours but mercifully the stream of unconscious ramblings self-destructed.

And the Arabs gathered to feast their victory and asked their Mullah to speak to

them of this strange Rodney who is filled with hate. And the Mullah answered, saying:

"His soul is a battlefield upon which his reason and judgment wage war against his passion and appetite.

"Would that I could be the peacemaker in his soul that I might turn the discord and the rivalry of his elements into oneness and melody.

"But how shall I unless he himself be also the peacomakor?"

#### DIPCONS EAST AND WEST

Dipcon V will be held next weekend at the Hotel McAlpin, 33rd St. & 7th Ave., in New York City. There will be cash prizes and trophies for those who do best in the two-day play. The entry fee is \$5, payable at the tournament. Please direct all inquiries to Vincent E. Livermore, 444 2nd Ave., New York, N. Y. 10010

Dipcon IV will take place on 26-29 August at Revelle College, University of California at San Diego. Larry Peory (now address: 816 24th St., San Diego, Calif. 92101) has arranged an elaborate program, including a reception, a meeting with the World Affairs Institute, a beach party, zine trading, "a reading of Vol. 48 of the Pentagon War Papers by Rod Walker, Conrad von Metzke conducting the La Jolla Symphony in Muller's Symphony for 1,000, Hal Maus singing Irish drinking songs and Walt Buchanan's retelling of 'How I Won the War in Vietnam' by Curtis LeMay, U. S. Grant Sharp, and William Westmorland." They may even play a little Diplomacy. There is a \$2 registration fee. Get further information from Peory or from Walt Buchanan, R. R. 3, Lebanon, Indiana 46052.

#### THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"Mr. Kissinger had been in Peking from July 9 to July 11, he said, and it was now being announced here and in the United States that President Nixon would visit Peking before May. At that precise moment, or so it now seems, the first stab of pain went through my groin." - James Roston, New York Times, 26 July 1971

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"LINKS PEACE, BULL MARKET...there is virtual unanimous agreement among observers that peace would definitely be bullish for the economy." - New York Post, 16 July 1971, p. 40

"PEACE MOVE FAILS TO SPUR THE MARKET...The stock market marked time today, showing little reaction to President Nixon's announcement that he plans to visit Red China. Trading was active." - New York Post, 16 July 1971, p. 45

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